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Applicants: Hiromasa OKUBO et al. Conf.: 2894  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A cylindrical printing blanket comprising a seamless sleeve and a sheet-like blanket being bonded to an outer surface of said seamless sleeve, said sheet-like blanket comprising in order a fabric layer, a compressive layer and a surface printing layer, with said sheet-like blanket being bonded to a thread layer spirally wound on an adhesive elastomer layer around said seamless sleeve.